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must contain at least one bedroom for each two persons in the family. (The two preceding sentences do not apply to the case of two individuals sharing a one-bedroom unit. However, in that situation, no other persons may occupy the unit.) Common space must be appropriate for shared use by the occupants. If any members of the family are physically handicapped (at the time of lease approval), the unit's common space and the family's private space must be accessible and usable by them.

(3) *Acceptability criteria.* The unit must contain a living room, a kitchen, bathroom(s), and bedroom(s). Persons of opposite sex, other than husband and wife or very young children, may not be required to occupy the same bedroom. Exterior doors and windows accessible from outside the unit must be lockable.

§ 887.511 Occupancy of a shared housing unit.

(a) *Who may share a unit.* (1) Persons who are not assisted under the Housing Voucher Program may reside in a shared housing unit.

(2) Except for a one-bedroom unit, an owner of a shared housing unit may reside in the unit, and a resident owner may enter into a housing voucher contract with the PHA. Housing assistance, however, may not be provided on behalf of an owner who is not an owner-shareholder in mutual or cooperative housing. An assisted person may not be related to a resident owner.

(3) One or more assisted families may reside in a shared housing unit. A PHA may not execute a housing voucher contract for individual lease shared housing and a housing assistance payments contract for related lease shared housing under the Certificate Program for the same unit.

(b) *Size of unit and family space.* The number of bedrooms in the private space of an assisted family initially must be the same as the number stated on the family's housing voucher, except in the case of two individuals sharing a one bedroom unit. The PHA may not approve a lease or execute a housing voucher contract for shared housing unless the unit, including the

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portion of the unit available for use by the assisted family under its lease, meets the housing quality standards under § 887.509.

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§ 887.513 Determining amount of housing assistance.

For purposes of computing the minimum rent under § 887.353, the PHA must prorate the rent to owner attributable to the family on the basis of a ratio that is equal to the number of bedrooms indicated on the housing voucher divided by the number of bedrooms in the unit.

§ 887.515 Payment standard for shared housing.

The payment standard for a family in a shared housing unit is determined by multiplying the dollar amount of the payment standard for the entire unit (for example, the 4-bedroom payment standard for a 4-bedroom unit) by a ratio that is equal to the number of bedrooms indicated on the family's housing voucher divided by the number of bedrooms in the unit.

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